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SUBJECT: A-2 STATUS AND DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

REF: SAN SALVADOR 390, STATE 33714

1. PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL RAISES QUESTIONS REGARDING
APPROPRIATENESS OF SECTION 101(A)(15)(A)(II) FOR
OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENTS AT MUNICIPAL LEVEL TRAVELLING
TO U.S. ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS OF OPINION THAT THE PROVISIONS OF
SECTION 101(A)(15)(A)(II) OF THE ACT COVERING "OTHER
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED BY A
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED DE JURE BY THE UNITED
STATES" DO NOT, RPT NOT, GRANT A-2 STATUS FOR OFFICIALS
OF GOVERNMENTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TRAVELING TO THE U.S.
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. THE CITED CASE OF THE
MAYOR OF SAN SALVADOR WHO WISHES TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.
TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT
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ADMINISTRATION IS EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF OFFICIALS HELD
BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR A-2
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3. IN VIEW OF THE OFFICIAL POSITION AND PURPOSE OF TRAVEL
TO THE U.S. OF APPLICANTS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LEVEL, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ISSUANCE
OF A DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL B-1 VISAS. SEE 22 CFR
41.100, 41.102 AND 41.104.
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